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ANALYSIS (as amended)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently, and in response to the final Office Action dated August 15, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated December 5, 2006, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.